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For: HEPATOCYTE LINEAGE CELLS DERIVED
FROM PLURIPOTENT STEM CELLS

Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: Thaian N. Ton, Ph.D.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

By way of a telephone discussion with Examiner Ton on November 1, 2001, applicants understand that this application has not yet been examined on the merits. Accordingly, please enter the enclosed amendments and remarks into the application, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.115(b)(1).